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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 9 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated below/on an extra sheet:
claims 1-16

and it considers that **the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention** (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below/on an extra sheet:

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- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid.

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

<u>78,000</u>	x	<u>8</u>	=	<u>624,000</u>
Fee per additional invention		number of additional inventions		total amount of additional fees

The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), **the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest**, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☒ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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The feature common to all of claims [1,2], [3-5], [6,7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13,14], [15], [16] is claim 1.

However, the search has revealed that claims 1,15 are not novel since these are disclosed in document 1 (JP 2000-324398 A (SHARP CO., LTD.)), 2000.11.24, Fig 4, Fig5).

Consequently the common feature (claims 1,15) is not a special technical feature.

So, claims [1,2], [3-5], [6,7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13,14], [15], [16] do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

The technical feature of "constant current source" in claim 8 is well-known technology. And the technical feature of claims 3,6 is disclosed in the document 1.

So, claims 8 is linked claims 1.

Therefore, there are 9 inventions in claims [1,2,8,15], [3-5], [6,7], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13,14], [16].

Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS OF THE
PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

International application No.
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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on the other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2000-324398 A (SHARP CO., LTD.), 2000.11.24, Fig4, Fig5 (Family: none)	1, 3, 6, 15

☐ Further documents are listed in a continuation Box.

☐ See patent family annex.

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